



It's hard to believe that December is here already. November was filled with many amazing events such as our Remembrance Day ceremony, casual day, and having both campuses meet to practice for our Winter Concert. More information about the Winter Concert will be coming your way soon.

We are going back to hosting a Live Run Santa Run! 2022. Mark the morning of Saturday 17 December 2022 on your calendars and join us at Eau Claire Market in downtown Calgary for the fun! If you can't run or walk, how about volunteering? An email was sent out earlier this week with the link to register or sign up to volunteer. If you have not received this email, please contact your child's teacher.

We will be having our first Parent Advisory Council meeting this month. We still have some openings to join the PAC Executive. If you are interested, please contact Christos Kazyas (for East Campus) or Rehana Mattu (for West Campus). We will be hosting this over Zoom.

Stay Warm Everyone!

*Rehana Mattu & Christos Kazyas*  
Principals, Third Academy



## Upcoming Events

Dec. 14 - Winter Concert

Dec. 17 - Run Santa Run

Dec. 22 Last Day of Classes

Dec. 23 - Jan. 8 Winter Break

Jan. 9 Classes Resume

Jan. 13 System PD



## Message from E1

The E1 class at East completed an author study on Jan Brett. As a class, we read *The Mitten*, and did a variety of activities relating the book. Students sequenced the story, made patterns with the animals from the book and decorated mittens for art. They really enjoyed the part of the story where the mitten exploded and flew away because it was too full!

*Christine Gregoire-Lauzon, Jibek Tashtanalieva, Ena Maldonado*



E1 enjoyed a fun filled Halloween, it was wonderful seeing everyone's costumes! We've also had an exciting past couple of weeks getting ready for the winter concert. Students have loved going on our field trips to the East campus, getting outside, and playing with the other students. We are looking forward to lots of winter themed activities and our concert next month.

This month, we welcomed our new IA, Ms. Szumowska, to our E1 family. Students have loved getting to know her and having her fit right in with us. We are eager to see more of the fun Phys Ed and Drama lessons she has planned.

*Adhiti Nair, Dianna Strong, Martha Szumowska*



## Message from E2

Our class has had a fun filled, and actioned packed month! Students spent a lot of time learning about Remembrance Day and the importance of the Canadian Military in our history. They prepared and preformed their Land Acknowledgement and the National Anthem at our Remembrance Day assembly! Students met a veteran and asked lots of questions about his experiences. We continued learning about waste disposal and reduction in science. We divided into our levelled math groups and continued working on our novel studies and learned about different types of figurative language.

*Hailey Commet, Jolaine Neild, Lori Commet, Joanne Watmough, Taryn Boule*



These last few weeks in E2, students have started to work well in groups, collaborate on art pieces, and showcased their intelligence in social studies and science class. We continued to work hard in our numeracy and literacy groups. Students started to enjoy music lessons at the East campus and it has been exciting to see them collaborating and working well with others! We are nearing the end of our 'How to Eat Fried worms' novel study, so we tried some fried worms (candy) ourselves!

*Victoria Commanche, Megan Baxter, Nashrin Mitha*



## Message from J1

It was another busy week for J1. In Social Studies we viewed a brief timeline of Japan's history from the Edo period to recent times, noting the harsh measures taken to ensure the policy of isolationism. During our discussion on the merits of such a policy students weighed the pros and cons of such a practice, coming to their own understanding of the place such a policy has in our world today. To work on improving our writing skills our class began a comparative essay based on the movie "Labyrinth". After recording observations on the traits unique and shared by the main villain and hero, students began crafting their thoughts into a basic essay format which they will finish next week.

*Kurtis Lieske, Mila Reyes, Lori Commet*



We have had an excellent few weeks of social and personal development. We have attended a Cyber Bullying session at the East campus and have started going on Fridays for preparation for the Winter Concert. We have also played a lot of group games to build interpersonal skills. In English we continued to work on the Non-Fiction unit. In Science we studied Biodiversity. In Math we worked on Fractions and in Social Studies we started the Colonies in North America, the Spread of the Renaissance, and the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

*Thera McKinnon, Kevin Phillips*

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## Message from J2



In November, J2 continued having fun while learning as much as we could. In art, we worked with cutting, drawing cartoons. The highlight being our project on a memorial poster for remembrance day. J2 spent remembrance day participating in the school wide ceremony, moment of silence and investigated the legacy and idea behind remembrance day. In science, we completed our astronomy unit by researching and investigating various constellations in our sky, their origin in Greek mythology and the ways in which we observe them from earth. While working on *The Hobbit* in ELA, we wrote a letter from the point of view of Bilbo Baggins or Gandalf, explaining the events so far. This was quite hilarious in some cases and a good opportunity for the students to creatively write and express themselves. In health class, we continued discussing choices and the benefits of regular sleep. A note to parents that many students admitted to obtaining unhealthy hours of sleep at night and we are working as a class to talk about strategies to adjust that. After finishing our investigation into the process of government, we began talking about Civil Rights movements and researched Martin Luther King Junior, the Black Panthers and Rosa Parks. We will be discussing civil rights while using the Marvel movie, 'Black Panther' as a reference point for our discussions.

*Mikyle Raju, Tarryn Raju*

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## Message from S1



Life Skills has made some fantastic food over the last little while, and it is wonderful to see everyone's skills in the kitchen progressing. We had one student share his family recipe for borscht, and teach the other students how to make it. We even had Sunil and Major Adam Preece stop by the kitchen to have a taste. The Major said it was the highlight of his day, it was that tasty! The next week, another student brought in her family recipe for pancakes, and that day we enjoyed pancakes and bacon for lunch. School store has been up and running for a while now and has been very successful. We've started a Current Events class Monday mornings, where we share news articles we've read or listened to, and we discuss sources of news that we can trust vs what may be "fake news".

Over the past few weeks in the Knowledge and Employability stream we have started to create our own sonnets in English, continued learning to play the keyboard in music and started our new winter themed project in art. For math we are continuing our fractions module, reviewing when needed. In Foods we have made French toast, bannock and shortbread cookies, they tasted great. In gym we have started playing floor hockey which students have really enjoyed. Mr. Lu met with students individually to discuss their Special Projects, a course in which students are able to choose what they learn and how to present.

*Ashley Rowley, Sue Choy, Jenna Hickling*

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## Message from S2



Students in Math have been focusing on topics in polynomials, factoring, quadratic functions and equations, geometric figures, scale 2-D/3-D drawings, and angles with transversal lines.

Students in English are wrapping up the novel studies *Fahrenheit 451* and *Into Thin Air* by writing essays, journals, dioramas and mentally preparing the creative writing unit that will follow. The exam for these novel study units is on Thursday, December 1st, 2022.

Report Cards have gone home and ongoing assignments and due dates will be updated through students' Canvas course pages. Students are expected to take home and complete any assignments that have not been completed during class hours. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

*Peter Lu, Scott Finney, James Knapp, Vikram Bhatti*

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## Expressive Arts Update

In the elementary classes, students have been working towards the Winter Production. The elementary groups will be leading the music portion of the concert and we are so excited for mid-December when we get to highlight our amazing students. Junior high and High school classes have continued learning keyboard skills. From Star Wars Theme song to Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious, students have been learning to find the keys on the keyboard to play the songs. Next step will be to start reading music on the Treble and Bass clef. Robert Johnson has also been a topic of discussion in our grade 9-12 students, as well as the introduction of the electric guitar and how this revolutionized music from Country Blues to Urban Blues.

*Tarryn Raju*

## Transportation Update

Winter weather is here and with this comes some inevitable challenges. Our first priority is always the safety of our students. We strive to run our routes in a timely fashion, but this is not always the case during the winter months. Our dedicated drivers work with the circumstances of the weather and road conditions and may run late on days. Our drivers will communicate with the families directly as to the length of their delay, if any. In order to ensure that routes run as smoothly as possible, we ask that students are at their designated stop locations 3-4 minutes prior to the pull away time. This allows for students to load and the driver to pull away at their designated time.

As the temperatures get colder, we also have the possibility of days when the buses are canceled. If the ambient temperature is -30 or colder, bus runs will be canceled, wind chill may be taken in to consideration as well. This decision is made around 4:30 am, the day of, and each driver will communicate with their families directly.

*Cheyenne Jannsen*  
Assistant Transportation Manager

## Psychology Update

Hello to Third Academy parents from the Psychology team!

We are happy to be able to provide our services to the student body once again this year, supporting your children through providing both counselling and assessment services for those identified as being in need of them. If you have any questions about what we can offer, do not hesitate to contact us directly to discuss how we could be helpful for your child. For those of you that have already contacted us or have had the school put in a referral, please make sure that you complete the process of providing consent to our team as soon as possible, as that needs to be in place for us to get started. Thanks everyone, we look forward to having the opportunity to work with the Third Academy community this year!

*Jeff Chang,*  
Chief Psychologist, Clinical Supervisor